

Registered Charity No: 1187996

**HELPING OTHERS POSITIVELY ENGAGED IN COMMUNITY C.I.O.**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Full Name:** **HELPING OTHERS POSITIVELY ENGAGED IN COMMUNITY C.I.O.**

**Registered Charity Number:** 1187996

**Principal Address:** St George's Church  
York Street  
Barnsley  
S70 1BD

**Trustees:** Peter Robertshaw  
Peter Mulrooney  
Charlotte Lodge  
Kevin Williams (resigned February 2025)  
Tina Bannister (resigned July 2024)  
Trixie Cooke (appointed February 2025)  
Beverly Slater (appointed February 2025)

**Chair:** Peter Robertshaw

**Treasurer:** Peter Mulrooney

**Bankers:** Lloyds Bank  
50 Cheapside  
Barnsley  
S70 1RU

**Independent Examiner:** Christopher Stones  
Community Accountant  
Barnsley CVS  
23 Queens Road,  
Barnsley  
S71 1AN

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

**Structure, governance and management**

Helping others Positively Engaged in Community (HOPE) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its constitution, adopted 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The organisation was previously an unregistered charity since September 2017.

The affairs of the CIO are managed by the charity trustees who may exercise all the powers of the CIO. The trustees are appointed for 3 years by resolution at a trustees' meeting.

Membership of the CIO is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes. The members have no liability to contribute to assets and no personal responsibility for settling debts and liabilities in the event of winding up.

**Appointment of Trustees**

In accordance with the terms of the constitution, there must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustees can act only to call a meeting of the trustees or appoint a new trustee. The maximum number of trustees is 7.

Each new trustee is given a copy of the constitution and the latest trustees' annual report and accounts, on or before appointment. In appointing trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law. Trustees are encouraged to participate in development opportunities as and when appropriate.

The trustees who served during the year are shown on page 3 of this report.

**Charitable aims and objectives**

The objects of the charity are:

To further or benefit the residents of South Yorkshire, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

**Activities undertaken for the public benefit**

In shaping the objectives for the year, the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

### **Achievements & performance during the period**

Our year started quietly but in May 2024 Peter and Maria represented us at the garden party held at Buckingham Palace to celebrate the King's Awards for Voluntary Services. The award was a great honour and recognised the hard work and dedication of all our trustees, volunteers and supporters.

The year in general was less settled as we encountered problems with some of our volunteers who we had to release, a change of Trustees on our Management Board and the move of the shop from Peel Square to Market Street. The shop continues to generate sufficient income to cover the running costs, which have increased substantially as we now have a 3 year lease. HOPE now pays rent, buildings insurance and water charges in addition to energy charges and rates.

All our projects were up and running throughout this year. During the year HOPE engaged with 20 clients on our Listening Service. Our 4 Healthy Holidays Events had a total of about 120 individual children from about 70 families attending at least one session. This year we again ran a cooking course.

HOPE continues to run two toddler groups at St George's Church in Barnsley, however numbers have declined and we now see between 5 and 15 kids each week.

The social club that operates from The Carers' Garden at the Metrodome in Barnsley, has a regular attendance of 15 people seeking that support. HOPE is able to refer people and families to Barnsley Foodbanks and 44 have been referred this year.

We started a new project called Hope on Tour where we visited 5 different venues including Dodworth and Kendray to offer a 'Hub' service of chatting and giving advice. However, they have been poorly attended despite great efforts to encourage local community involvement.

But it is still our desire to engage with local Barnsley communities and we will seek different ways to do this.

### **The Charity's policy on reserves**

The trustees recognise the need to keep reserves at a level which will give the organisation stability to enable it to continue to operate in the future.

The Charity's policy of reserves is to generate and maintain a balance that is sufficient to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and/or unavoidable circumstance precipitate a short-term fall in its income.

For these purposes, the Charity will endeavour to generate and maintain reserves which are at least equivalent to three months operating expenditure. (Circa £5,000)

**TRUSTEES' REPORT continued**

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The actual level of unrestricted reserves at the year-end was £14,582. (2024: £13,822)

From this, the Charity has put aside £5,000 into a Reserves budget within their general funds.

**Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements**

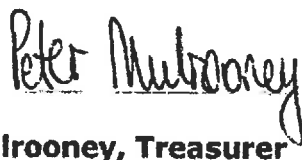
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity at any time and enable the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

**Financial Position**

The financial statements are set out in pages 8 to 13. The Receipts and Payments Account shows a surplus for the year £15,390 (2024:£9,319). The total reserves of the charity at year-end, represented by unrestricted funds, stand at £14,582. (2024: £13,822).

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed:   
**Peter Mulrooney, Treasurer**

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year, under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts, under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records, in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met;

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Christopher Stones

Community Accountant  
Barnsley CVS  
23 Queens Road, Barnsley, S71 1AN

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

			2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Fundraising & events	980	-	980	439
Donations & subscriptions	1,415	2,200	3,615	4,283
Grants received	-	42,607	42,607	43,535
Charity shop income	18,360	-	18,360	18,610
Other income	320	-	320	520
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>21,075</b>	<b>44,807</b>	<b>65,882</b>	<b>67,387</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Refreshments & catering	467	3,045	3,512	7,426
Equipment	5,687	4,723	10,410	4,237
Activities & games	-	6,133	6,133	10,807
Admin & stationery	1,911	270	2,181	1,007
Insurance	1,637	-	1,637	409
Training	170	3,976	4,146	1,369
Rent and rates	2,135	3,503	5,638	6,470
Utilities, telephone & internet	2,802	1,540	4,342	5,570
Repairs & maintenance	-	-	-	1,045
Volunteer & travel expenses	2,800	2,151	4,951	4,584
Session workers	1,020	1,675	2,695	5,590
Transport costs	-	-	-	1,969
Household Goods	-	3,011	3,011	-
Marketing & publicity	-	-	-	2,068
Workwear	-	-	-	1,800
Consultancy & business support	-	-	-	3,000
Accountancy fee	4 550	-	550	450
Sundries	624	662	1,286	267
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>19,803</b>	<b>30,689</b>	<b>50,492</b>	<b>58,068</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>14,118</b>	<b>15,390</b>	<b>9,319</b>
Total funds brought forward	13,822	19,629	33,451	24,132
Transfers between funds	6 (512)	512	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>5 14,582</b>	<b>34,259</b>	<b>48,841</b>	<b>33,451</b>



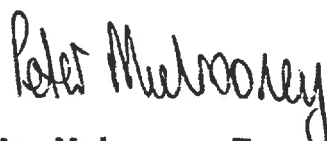
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	<b>2025</b> £	<b>2024</b> £
<b>Monetary Assets:</b>		
Bank Account (Lloyds Bank)	48,889	33,210
Cash in hand	(48)	241
<b>Total monetary assets</b>	<b><u>48,841</u></b>	<b><u>33,451</u></b>
 <b>Assets retained for the charity's own use:</b>		
A list of assets retained for the charities use is included in note 8 of the accounts (page 13)		
 <b>Debtors/prepayments at the year end:</b>		
Insurance prepaid	604	341
	<b><u>604</u></b>	<b><u>341</u></b>
 <b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accountancy fee	650	550
	<b><u>650</u></b>	<b><u>550</u></b>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



**Peter Mulrooney, Treasurer**

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**1. Accounting policies**

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis which summarises the movement of cash in and out of the organisation. In this context 'cash' includes cash equivalents, such as bank accounts where cash can be readily available to pay debts as they fall due. This format of accounts is available to non-company charities with gross annual income of £250,000 or less.

Classification of income & expenditure

Income and expenditure has been analysed in the accounts using natural classification.

Funds structure

The charity maintains an unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Unrestricted funds may arise from grants and donations of a general nature, fees for goods and service provided and payment for service contracts.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding. Restricted funds will arise from grants and donations given to the charity for specific purposes.

Taxation

As a registered charity, HOPE is exempt from corporation tax on income applied to its charitable activities.

**2. Trustee payments, benefits and expenses**

There were no payments, remuneration or benefits to trustees during the period, other than out of pocket expenses that were reasonably incurred by trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity.

**3. Related Party Transactions**

No payments were made to related parties during the period.

**4. Independent Examination of accounts**

The cost of the independent examination for the year was £650. (2024: £550).

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 5. Fund Analysis

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Fund Transfers £	Closing balance £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	9,822	21,075	(19,803)	(512)	10,582
Reserve Fund	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
	<b>13,822</b>	<b>21,075</b>	<b>(19,803)</b>	<b>(512)</b>	<b>14,582</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Toddler Groups	220	176	(788)	500	108
Cooking Course	1,092	-	(177)	-	915
Healthy Holidays Club	14,069	14,063	(12,219)	-	15,913
Carers Garden Social Club	763	576	(240)	-	1,099
BMBC WA Listening Service	454	-	(394)	-	60
BMBC Pride of Place Award	3,031	-	(3,043)	12	-
Barnsley CVS - Family Hubs	-	5,000	(1,726)	-	3,274
BMBC Household Support	-	9,970	(4,959)	-	5,011
SYCF-Freemasonry	-	10,000	(2,169)	-	7,831
BMBC HAF Christmas	-	650	(650)	-	-
Barnsley CVS - Family Hubs 2	-	4,372	(4,324)	-	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,629</b>	<b>44,807</b>	<b>(30,689)</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>34,259</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>33,451</b>	<b>65,882</b>	<b>(50,492)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,841</b>

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**6. Fund Transfers**

- An amount of £500 was transferred from unrestricted funds to the Toddler Group to meet expenses during the year.
- An amount of £12 was transferred from unrestricted funds to BMBC Pride of Place Award grant to cover the extra spend on this project.

**7. Restricted Funds**

- The Charity runs Toddler groups at St George's church hall. A balance was brought forward from last year. Income is by the way of subs and donations from attendees. An amount of £500 was transferred from our unrestricted funds during the year to keep this going. Small balance at the year-end carried forward to next year.
- The cooking course a balance was brought forward from last year. A balance is carried forward into the next financial year.
- The Healthy Holidays project runs sessions in the school holidays for children and their parent/carer, which provide games, arts and crafts and fun activities. A lunchtime meal is also provided to the attendees. Two BMBC Healthy Holidays grants totalling £12,292, and a Feeding Britain grants totalling £1,023, were received during the year. A number of small donations were also received. A balance is carried forward into the next financial year.
- The Carers Garden Social Club takes place at the Metrodome and is funded by donations, and subs. A balance is carried forward into the next financial year.
- The Charity set up a Listening Service to provide support and referral advice during the Covid-19 pandemic. The funding has been used to fund the equipment and telephone costs. This is a confidential service that anyone can access through phone, text and video calls. £454 of the previous year's funding was carried forward to this year to continue spend on training and equipment. A balance is carried forward into the next financial year.
- A BMBC Pride of Place grant was received last year to provide funding for core costs and business support costs to enable the charity to grow and support its growing number of volunteers. An amount of £12 was transferred from our unrestricted funds to cover the extra spend on this project. This project is now complete.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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- A Barnsley CVS-Family Hubs grant of £5000 was received to enable HOPE to support the integration and connectivity of family support services. Used for our project 'Drop In'. A balance of £3,273.94 is carried over to next year.
- A BMBC-Household support grant of £9,970 was received to enable HOPE to use for their Winter Support Programme. A balance of £5,010.59 is carried forward into the next year.
- A SYCF – Freemasonry grant of £10,000 was received to be spent on our Hope on Tour project. A balance of £7,830.79 is carried forward into the next year.
- A BMBC HAF Christmas grant of £650 was received and spent on our Christmas Healthy Holiday project. This project is now complete.
- A Barnsley CVS-Family Hubs 2 grant of £4,372 was received and spent on our Toddler group and SEND. A small balance is carried forward into the next year.

**8. Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use**

**Saint George's Store:**

Various items with a total value of £273

Items include: 10 High chairs, 4 PE mats, 10 crockery sets and pans, 4 folding tables and several large toys, games and sensory equipment.

**Charity Shop:**

Various items of equipment with a total value of £1,239

Items include: Tables, Chairs, stools, shop till, printer, card reader, laptops, fridge, coffee machine, mobile phones, filing cabinet, vacuum, kitchen equipment, shelving, storage, sofa, bookcases, leaflet stands, clothes rails, card reader and fire extinguishers.

**Saint George's Office:**

Various items with a total value of £1,196

Items include: 2, desks, 5 chairs, filing cabinets, office equipment, computer equipment, storage units and two laptops.

